

Additional notes on the birds of Edithana Pool, Lyons River – Newbey and Newbey (*Western Australian Naturalist* 18: 13–20) provided notes on the vegetation and birds of Edithana Pool after visiting the area in August 1987. The site is a tree-lined pool on the Lyons River approximately 25 kilometres from Mt. Augustus within the Gascoyne biogeographic region. Newbey and Newbey (1987) described the location, layout, and physical environment of the pool and provided climatic data for the area. They also presented species lists for birds and flora.

This short note provides a list of birds observed at Edithana Pool on the afternoon of the 17 and morning of the 18 August 1998 and compares this list with that of Newbey and Newbey (1987). The area surrounding the pool, including fringing vegetation and nearby woodland and open grassland habitat, as well as the pools themselves were surveyed for birds.

Forty-one species of birds were recorded by Newbey and Newbey (1987) whereas 37 species were noted on this occasion.

The list of species is broadly comparable, with 24 species recorded on both occasions (Table 1). Nineteen non-passerines and 18 passerines were recorded during the current survey and 27 non-passerine and 14 passerines were noted by Newbey and Newbey (1987). There are minor differences in the species composition of waterbirds, notably ducks, and in the number of raptors present. The lists of bush birds are very similar.

Cattle were observed in areas around the pool and a Dingo/wild dog was observed adjacent to the pool.

A combined total of 54 species have now been recorded at this site. The similarity in bird species composition between the two surveys suggests that the area has continued to be utilised in a similar manner over the ten-year period. Although a fairly thorough search was made of the area, additional avifauna species are likely to occur at this locality due in part to the combination of wetland and woodland habitats, and it would be worthwhile to undertake further visits of the area.

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Table 1. Birds recorded at Edithana Pool in August 1998 (species marked with an asterisk were also recorded by Newbey and Newbey 1987)

Common Name	Species Name	No.	Location
*Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	2	Open grassland
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	3	pool
*Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	1	pool
Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	1	pool
*Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	1	pool
*Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	3	pool
*Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1	pool
*Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	1	over pool
Australian Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	1	woodland
*Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	3	pool
Black-tailed Native Hen	<i>Gallinula ventralis</i>	3	pool
*Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Charadrius melanops</i>	1	pool edge
*Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	several	fringing vegetation
*Spinifex Pigeon	<i>Geophaps plumifera</i>	5	Open grassland
*Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	4	woodland
*Galah	<i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i>	4	woodland
*Australian Ringneck	<i>Platycercus zonarius</i>	4	woodland
*Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>	several	fringing vegetation
*Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	heard	
*White-plumed Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus penicillatus</i>	3	fringing vegetation
Crimson Chat	<i>Ephianura tricolor</i>	2	Open grassland
*Grey-crowned Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>	2	woodland
*Crested Bellbird	<i>Oreocica gutturalis</i>	heard	woodland
*Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	heard	woodland
*Australian Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	3	Open grassland
*Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	2	woodland
*Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	4	woodland
White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage tricolor</i>	2	woodland
Black-faced Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>	1	woodland
Masked Woodswallow	<i>Artamus personatus</i>	12	Open grassland
Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	heard	woodland
*Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	2	woodland
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	1	Open grassland
Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	20+	Open grassland
Rufous Songlark	<i>Cinclorhampus mathewsi</i>	1	woodland
Fairy Martin	<i>Hirundo ariel</i>	10+	over pool, nests in tree over water
*Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	5	woodland